

## PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the substantive examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the present application as follows:

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